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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD FOR SURFACE TREATMENT OF  
GOLD-PLATED BODY AND SURFACE-  
TREATED PRODUCT, AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING GOLD-PLATED BODY AND  
GOLD-PLATED BODY, AND METHOD FOR  
IMMOBILIZATION OF SULFUR-  
CONTAINING MOLECULES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003 (Paper No. 9), Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-6, 9-14 and 17, for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following two groups:

I. Claims 1-6, 9-14 and 17, drawn to a method for surface treatment of a gold-plated body, classified in class 205, subclass 227; and

II. Claims 7, 8, 15 and 16, drawn to a surface-treated product, classified in class 148, subclass 430.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.